
Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee June 27-28, 2006

**Location: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street SW, Washington, D.C.,
Discovery II Conference Room**

June 27, 2006

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| 8:00 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions, Review of Administrative Matters and Advisory Committee Rules, Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and Approval of July 2005 Meeting Minutes |
| 8:45 a.m. | Comments from Observers |
| 9:00 a.m. | Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) Program Re-organization and EDI Transaction Rulemaking
Bruce Summers, Chief, and Lorenzo Tribbett, Assistant Chief, PACA Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service |
| 10:00 a.m. | USDA Overview; Distribution of <i>Certificates of Appointment</i>
Deputy Secretary Charles Conner; AMS Administrator Lloyd Day; and AMS Associate Administrator Ken Clayton |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 a.m. | Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Fee Structure; and State and Federal Minimum Quality Requirements and Grade Standards
Leanne Skelton, Chief, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service |
| 11:45 a.m. | Sustainable Agriculture Discussion
Jan Kerns, Kerns Rainbow Ranch (Advisory Committee member) |
| 12:15 noon | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m. | Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
Trista Etzig, Marketing Specialist, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service |
| 2:15 p.m. | Farm Bill Initiatives
Group Discussion |
| 3:30 p.m. | Break |
| 3:45 p.m. | Open Discussion; Drafting of Committee Recommendations from First Day |
| 5:00 p.m. | Adjourn for Day |
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- 8:00 a.m. Review of Previous Day's Discussions
- 8:15 a.m. **Agriculture Labor and Immigration Issues**
Sharon Hughes, Executive Vice President, National Council of Agricultural Employers
- 9:00 a.m. **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program**
Steve Christensen, Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Program, USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **Produce for Better Health Foundation Initiatives**
Elizabeth Pivonka, President and CEO, Produce for Better Health Foundation
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. **Buyer-Requested Audits**
Group Discussion
- 12:00 noon In-Room Working Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Formation of Working Groups; Finalization of Committee Recommendations;
Proposed Date of Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting;
Administrative Matters
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn
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